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RIVER FLEET'S PLAN LAGS; VOLGA DAMS, OTHER STEPS TO IMPROVE NAVIGATION

RIVER FLEET BEHIND IN CARRYING -- Moscow, Rechnoy Transport, 10 Oct 50

In the fourth quarter, river transport must not only complete the carrying program, which exceeds the assignment for the corresponding period of last year, but must eliminate the deficit piled up in the third quarter as a result of the unsatisfactory work of the Western Siberian, Northern, Sheksna, and Northwestern ship line.

As of 1 October, the deficit in dry cargoes amounted to more than one million tons. It is necessary to attract to water transport about 2 million tons of dry cargoes and more than 500,000 tons of timber in rafts, so that the carrying planned for the fourth quarter will have the necessary amount of freight.

Moscow, Rechnoy Transport, 27 Oct 50

For the Ministry of River Fleet as a whole, dispatching of freight is being carried out only on the level of the schedule, and in the center, southern, and eastern river basins the schedule for dispatching in tons is not being met. Reduction of the backlog in carrying accumulated, during the preceding quarters has not yet begun.

RSFSR SMALL RIVERS COMPLETE YEAR PLAN -- Moscow, Rechnoy Transport, 3 Nov 50

On the small rivers of the RSFSR the assignment set by the Five-Year Plan for raising to 5 million tons the volume of freight carrying in 1950 on small rivers of the USSR has been completed. As of 20 October, the navigation plan for small rivers of the RSFSR had been completed 101.7 percent for tons, 100.7 percent for ton-kilometers, 120.7 percent for passenger carrying, and 113.2 percent for passenger-kilometers. In 1950 freight carrying increased more than 53 percent in comparison with 1949 and passenger carrying increased by 45 percent.

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Shipbuilding enterprises of the small rivers completed the year plan for the construction of self-propelled and nonself-propelled ships ahead of schedule. In the Kashira Shipbuilding Plant of the Moscow Administration of Small Rivers the production of improved 60-ton metal-covered barges was begun during the second and third quarters. The plant has also designed and built self-propelled metal-covered barges with K-50 motors, and also a new type of towing cutter with a metal hull and a 50-horsepower oil-burning engine.

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IMPROVE NAVIGATING CONDITIONS ON VOLGA -- Moscow, Rechnoy Transport, 12 Sep 50

After the construction of the Uglich and Shcherbakov dam projects navigating conditions will improve considerably not only on the Upper Volga, but also along the whole route to Astrakhan', since letting water out of the Rybsinsk Reservoir will guarantee a minimum depth of 2.6 meters for through traffic from Shcherbakov to Astrakhan'.

As on the Rybinsk Reservoir, on the new Volga reservoirs, a special fleet equipped for navigation in heavy seas will be required; in a strong storm the height of the waves on the Kuybyshev and Stalingrad Reservoirs will reach dimensions approximating those of ocean waves.

On the reconstructed waterways there should be more improved route markings. At present, floating markings predominate on the Volga. The creation of the large reservoirs will require the widespread introduction of lights on shore operating on acetylene and electricity.

Some existing wharves and also plants and shops of the Ministry of River Fleet are located at present in the areas which will be flooded, so it will be necessary to move these enterprises to other points or to build new ones.

Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 5 Sep 50

With the construction of the Stalingrad and Kuybyshev dams across the Volga, the low water level in the upper reaches of the Volga during the second half of the navigation season and the consequent expenditures for bottom-clearing operations will be eliminated to a considerable degree.

Kazan', which at present is 5 kilometers from the river, will become a large river port, as will Ul'yanovsk. The water will come right up to Kazan'. It will be necessary to build a series of ports into which river ships can run during storms on the new Kuybyshev sea.

MOSKVA RIVER CHANNEL IMPROVED -- Moskovskaya Pravda, 12 Sep 50

Channel-deepening operations have been completed on a 39-kilometer sector of the Moskva River within the limits of Moscow. Now ships with a carrying capacity of 3,000 tons can run from the Northern Port to the Southern Port.

On a 150-kilometer sector of the Moskva River in Moscow Oblast, from Pererva in Leninskiy Rayon to Shchurov in Kolomenskiy Rayon, bottom-deepening operations have been completed, making the river navigable for ships with a carrying capacity of more than 1,000 tons.

KARATAL RIVER MADE NAVIGABLE -- Moscow, Trud, 27 Sep 50

Recently the Karatal River was opened to navigation after its channel was cleaned.

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